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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Fairfield – Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison For 2017 Firebombing Spree

(U) A Solano County Superior Court judge earlier this month sentenced a 44-year-old Fairfield man to 10 years in state prison for a 2017 firebombing spree in Fairfield. Matthew Scott Jones pleaded no contest to one count of arson and three counts of setting off—or attempting to set off—an explosive device, all felonies. The Deputy District Attorney dismissed two counts of attempted murder against Jones, court records show. Court documents did not indicate why an initial hate crime charge was not among the charges dropped or sustained.

SOURCE: 10 March 2022, [The Mercury News](#)

### (U) Sacramento – CHP Seizes 80 Pounds of Meth and 100,000 Fentanyl Pills During Traffic Stop

(U) California Highway Patrol Officers found what is believed to be 80 pounds of methamphetamine and 100,000 fentanyl pills during a traffic stop this week in Sacramento. The traffic stop occurred along the westbound lanes of Interstate 80. The CHP said the officer spotted “several indicators of criminal activity” by the driver and two passengers. The officer then asked for help from the CHP Valley Division K-9 Unit. The CHP said the officers discovered about 80 pounds of suspected meth and about 100,000 blue “M30” pills suspected to contain fentanyl. The officers also found an estimated \$4,100 in cash in the vehicle. Three people were arrested on suspicion of possessing and transporting suspected fentanyl pills and meth for sale. They were booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail.

SOURCE: 9 March 2022, [Sacramento Bee](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Columbia – One in Five US Elections Workers May Quit Amid Threats, Politics

(U) Washington – US local election officials are increasingly concerned about threats and political pressure fueled by baseless allegations of voter fraud in the last presidential race, and one in five say they are somewhat or very unlikely to stay in their jobs through the 2024 contest, a national survey showed today. In the poll of nearly 600 election officials, more than 75% said threats against election administrators and staff have increased in recent years. The percentage saying they are “very worried” about political leaders interfering in future elections has nearly tripled since before 2020. The poll also found that more than three-fourths of local election officials say social media companies have not done enough to stop the spread of false election information.

SOURCE: 10 March 2022, [Reuters](#)

### (U) Texas – Alleged Hacker Behind Kaesya Ransomware Attack Extradited, Arraigned in Texas

(U) Dallas – Yaroslav Vasinskyi, accused of being connected to the Sodinokibi/REvil ransomware group, was extradited, and arraigned in a Dallas, Texas court. In November, the Justice Department said the 22-year-old was behind the July 2021 ransomware attack against Kaseya, which crippled hundreds of

companies around the world for days. Vasinskyi was arrested at a border crossing in Dorohusk—a Polish-Ukrainian border town—on 8 October. Vasinskyi made his first appearance and was arraigned today in the Northern District of Texas.

SOURCE: 9 March 2022, [ZDNet](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Honduras – Ex-Police Boss Arrested after US Extradition Request**

(U) Tegucigalpa – Honduran security forces arrested a former police chief after he was on the run for several months, wanted by the United States on drug-trafficking charges. Juan Carlos "El Tigre" Bonilla was the Honduran national police chief between 2012 and 2013 during the administration of right-wing former President Porfirio Lobo. Bonilla has denied the accusations made by US prosecutors, who have sought his extradition since April of 2020.

SOURCE: 9 March 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mexico – Nine Killed in Shooting at Drug House**

(U) Puebla – Six men and three women died in a shooting attack on a house where drugs were sold in central Mexico. Puebla governor Miguel Barbosa said none of the nine victims were from the state and the house where they were killed was a site for retail drug dealing. Barbosa said the killings appeared to be “an execution between gangs.” Puebla has long been home to violent gangs that deal in fuel theft from government pipelines, but the state had not been known for drug violence.

SOURCE: 8 March 2022, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Kill 19 Soldiers in Attack on Deputy Governor’s Convoy**

(U) Kanya – At least 19 soldiers were killed in Nigeria's Kebbi state as gunmen attacked the deputy governor's convoy. The attack took place on 8 March, the same day gunmen ambushed and killed at least 62 members of a volunteer vigilante group in Nigeria's northwestern Kebbi state in the worst violence to hit the state since mid-January. Deputy Governor Samaila Dabai Yombe confirmed Tuesday's ambush and said a gunbattle ensued in the town of Kanya that resulted in casualties, but he did not provide any details on how many people had been killed.

SOURCE: 10 March 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Philippines – Philippine Authorities Seize Largest Drug Haul This Year**

(U) Valenzuela City – Philippine authorities seized suspected methamphetamine estimated to be worth more than \$19.6 million and arrested a Chinese suspect. A Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency reported about 1352 pounds of the suspected stimulant, locally called shabu, was discovered in the house in Valenzuela city in metropolitan Manila after the arrest of the Chinese suspect and his Filipina companion by law enforcers who pretended to be drug buyers. If the seized substance, some packed in tea bags, turns out to be methamphetamine, it would be the largest illegal drug haul so far this year. Tuesday's raid was the latest in a series of antidrug operations across the country this month that have led to the arrest of 11 suspects and the confiscation of a large amount of methamphetamine.

SOURCE: 8 March 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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